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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Toshiaki HONGO) Group Art Unit: 1763
Application No.: 09/982,784) Examiner: PARVIZ HASSANZADEH
Filed: October 22, 2001)
For: PLASMA PROCESSING)
APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance of the above referenced Application. Upon review of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant noted certain inconsistencies between the reasons for allowance and the claimed subject matter. For example, the reasons for allowance appear to combine elements that are not common to all claims. Applicant submits these remarks in an attempt to clarify these inconsistencies.

In the reasons for allowance, the Examiner stated that claims 1, 2, and 4-15 include a plasma processing apparatus including a support frame member and a heat medium path for flowing a heat medium along a line by which the insulating plate is divided into a plurality of regions and along a peripheral part of the insulating plate. The support frame, however, is found in claims 10-15, but is not found in claims 1, 2, or 4-9.

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Similarly, the heat medium path for flowing a heat medium along a line by which the insulating plate is divided into a plurality of regions and along a peripheral part of the insulating plate is found in claims 2, 14, and 15, but is not found in claims 1 or 4-13.


Applicant maintains that claims 1, 2, and 4-15 are allowable for at least the reasons set forth in the Remarks of the Amendment filed October 9, 2003. Should the Examiner disagree with Applicant's comments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner further clarify the record. Otherwise, it should be assumed that the above comments are an accurate characterization of the file history and interpretation of the claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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